

a1 means for compositing the modified indicia image with the image of the Karaoke performer to provide an output video image for display on a video display.

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3. (Amended) A Karaoke system as in claim 1, wherein the means for compositing overlays the modified indicia image on the image of the Karaoke performer.

a2 4. (Amended) A Karaoke system as in claim 1, wherein the means for downscaling removes the background image in the indicia image completely.

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9. (Amended) A Karaoke video image processing device comprising:  
a first video input for receiving from a Karaoke medium player an indicia image associated with a song being played back, the indicia image comprising images of words of the song embedded in a background image;  
a second video input for receiving a second video image from a second external video source;  
an electronic circuit having components to downscale and reposition the indicia image and removing a portion of the background image from the indicia image to provide a modified indicia image and to composite the modified indicia image with the second video image to form an output video image for display on a video display.

a3 10. (Amended) A Karaoke video image processing device as in claim 9, wherein the electronic circuit overlays the modified indicia image on the second video image to form the output video image.

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11. (Amended) A Karaoke video image processing device as in claim 10, wherein the electronic circuit removes the background image in indicia image completely.

12. (Amended) A Karaoke medium player comprising:

a reader for retrieving data from a Karaoke medium, the data comprising audio data and an indicia image comprising images of words of a song embedded in a background image;

an external video input for receiving an external video image;

a3 a video processing circuit having components for downscaling and repositioning the indicia image and removing a portion of the background image in the indicia image to form a modified indicia image, and combining the modified indicia image with the external video image to form an output video image for display on a video display;

an audio processor for processing the audio data to provide an output audio signal; and

an audio output for outputting the output audio signal.

13. (Amended) A Karaoke medium player as in claim 12, wherein the video processing circuit removes the background image of the indicia image completely.

a4 15. (Amended) A Karaoke medium player as in claim 14, wherein the video processing circuit includes a CD+G decoder for compositing the modified indicia image with the external video image.

18. (Amended) A method of generating video images for Karaoke applications, comprising the steps of:

a5 capturing a video image of a Karaoke performer;